Elizabeth, The Queen Mother

'The Senior Citizens of the City of Cambridge send their warmest and most loyal greetings to her Majesty The Queen Mother on the happy occassion of her 80th Birthday on 4th August 1980.'

Telegram to be addressed to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, The Queen Mother at Clarence House during the celebration on the evening of 4th August.

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An 80th Birthday Celebration by the City of Cambridge August 4th 1980 Cherry Hinton Hall Grounds

Souvenir Programme

Cyril Barnes
ANGLIA TV

Message from The Mayor of Cambridge
(Councillor Mrs. Doris Howe, J.P.)

The 4th August, 1980 is a day for celebration throughout the land and we, the people of Cambridge, wish Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother a Happy Birthday.

I wonder how many of you can remember events at or following the turn of the century when, I am told, the population of Cambridge was less than half of its present figure and there were fewer than one third of the present number of undergraduates.

It has been a period which has seen tremendous change in all aspects of life most of which you will have witnessed.

The Queen Mother has many associations with Cambridge and the first official visit she made was in July, 1932 when she opened Papworth Hospital and also a new wing at Addenbrooke's Hospital, Trumpington Street, for children and private patients.

Her Majesty attended Trinity College's 400th anniversary in 1947, the following year the 500th anniversary of Queens's College and in 1951 the 500th anniversary of King's College.

The Queen Mother is the Official Visitor of Girton College and in 1948 received an Honorary Doctorate of Law - the first lady in history to be awarded an Honorary Degree of the University of Cambridge.

Extensions to Queens' College (where she is Patroness) and New Hall were opened by the Queen Mother in 1961 and 1965 respectively and on two occasions - in 1966 and 1975 - she has opened extensions to the Fitzwilliam Museum.

The Queen Mother visited the Leys School in 1961 to open the West House and again in 1973 where she unveiled a plaque and was shown over the new teaching block. On this latter visit she also visited Wesley House. Her last visit was in June, 1978 when she visited St. John's College School.

As you can see, the Queen Mother has been a regular visitor to Cambridge and let us hope that we shall have the honour and privilege of further visits in the future.

I hope that you will all enjoy the party arranged to celebrate this 80th Royal Birthday in recognition of the lifetime of service given to the nation by this charming lady.

Finally I would like to thank all of those who have given generously of their time, facilities, equipment and money to make possible this happy occasion.

PROGRAMME

Mr. J. Phillips will entertain you on the piano whilst tea is being served at approximately 5.00 p.m.

Following tea entertainment will be provided by NEIL LEWIS, a star of the Sixteenth Cambridge Folk Festival, who has very kindly agreed to perform for the Senior Citizens of Cambridge and has on this occasion waived his fee.

THE MARK ARNOLD BAND, one of the Cambridge's most popular bands will provide entertainment which will consist mainly of well loved old time tunes to sing along to.

The 'world's greatest artist of the chordovox', VALENTINO will then perform for your pleasure. An accordian player of world renown, he has played on the London Palladium, the Royal Albert Hall and with such stars as Bing Crosby, Shirley Bassey and Val Doonican to name but a few! His accordian, a quadrophonic syntaccordian is the only one of its kind in the world.

We gratefully acknowledge the help of the following individuals and organisations in the planning of this event:

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King's College Chapel

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